TO MAKE LIFE SAVERS OF 500,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN

Death List of the General Slocum Might Have Been Very Small -Ideas of New York's Mayor, Educators and Life Savers on Compulsory Education in Swimming-Cost of Installing Pools and Apparatus in Public Schools.

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See, I'll fix it. Take sister and jump. I can swim."

The last was said in the spirit of elation. The boy jumped overboard and swam to the shore. He is the only member of that family alive.

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MAYOR MCCLELLANG ORDAY.

MAYOR MCCLELLAN'S OPINION Mayor George B. McClellan was averse to committing himself when approached on the subject. He listened gravely to the suggestion and measured his words

as the spoke:

"I agree with the idea that every child should know how to swim. There is no time in a man's life when he is certain he will not be called upon to strike out through the chilly water in an effort to eave his life. So far as equipping the schools with swimming pools is concerned I cannot commit myself broadly. The idea is a grand one. It would take a great deal of money to undertake this task. It is not beyond the bounds of possibility. Personally I should like to see within the means of every child in New York the opportunity to learn to swim."

Instruction in swimming is not new in Did you ever watch a school of fish? Did

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To-day children attending school are taught to develop their belies in proportion to the exercise they must give their mental faculties.

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Wherever there is water Professor Lafilin may be found. He was the "Model Man" of Vienna, taking a prize in world competition for physical conformation, He taught Mrs. Drexel Biddle of Philadephia, and other society women to swim. Lafilin has scores of medals, a record of his feats in the water. As a boxer he sparred twice with John L. Sullivan and outpointed the redoubtable "Joe" Coburn in a four-round setto at Madison Square Garden, in 185.

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Professor Laffin advances some pointed ideas concerning methods to be used in saving people from drowning. One of his most striking remarks related to obtaining a riesse from the clutches of a drowning person:

"Sink with him and he will relax his hold," said he in commenting upon struggles he himself has had in the water.

Laffin once swam nearly half a mile with an unconscious young woman in his arms. She had got beyond her depth at Fire Island, and when he reached her the young woman had sunk for the third time and was in the grasp of a receeding tide.

TEACH THE CHILDREN. TEACH THE CHILDREN.

"When I read of those little children being swept over the side of the General Slocum," said he, "I was glad that during my summer at Pire Island I have given gratuitously such instruction to the young people in the art of swimming as I was able. I have taught hundreds to swim. I wish I could bring the people of New York to feel that every child should be taught to swim

you ever see one of them divert the course taken by the school? They all swim in the same line and for the same point, don't they? Yes, they do! When these fish are frightened did you ever see one of them turn and go the other way? Not so! They all swim in the same direction and away from danger.

"Suppose, for instance, the young folk on the Slocum had been drilled when in danger of that kind to jump into the water and swim from the peril that menaced them. The moment they struck, like a school of fish, they would have put out for the shore and not turned and swum in a dozen different directions, each to bother and worry the other, and become panic stricken and finally drag to the bottom those that might have been saved.

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"Here is another pertinent question that I am going to ask. Has anyone seen a drove of horses stampeded while they were in the water? On shore these horses may become frightened and dosh away to the many points of the compass, but ence in the water their restless natures are calm and they all head in one direction. I am trying to tell in my simple way that when people become panic stricken and are fored to leave the refuse of a boat they should adopt the tactics of allmais and fishes, become cool, alert and follow the leader.

This picture of mules swimming the Agno River, which I am told General Bell compelled during one of his marches upon the stronghold of General Miscardo, at Manastarin. In the Philippines, illustrates exactly the idea I am trying to advance. These mules swam a half mile and they swam straight as could be. What do you suppose taught them to keep that perfect alignment in the water? Nature, you may say. Then why is it not natural that human beings should employ common sense when they are in danger?

There is one thing I am a crank upon, but I guess people will consider that I am rational when they come to think it over. I have been in the South Sea Islands where were mites have swum a mile out to our vessel and remained in the water at the side of the steamship for hours, diving for the shiring nickels which the passengers threw over the sides of the vessel, "You may say that they were brought up to swim. That is it exactly. Then why cannot we bring up our children to swim? No one knows what moment his child may be called upon to exercise this athletic accomplishment.

There is a tradition that the Norwegians and the Swedes who fished for a livelihood took their children for our to sea in their boats and cast them overboard. The children were made to swim or sink. I do not believe in such drastic measures, but that is better than not teaching a child to swim at all.

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"Anothed matter which the instructors should require of their pupils is to undress in the water. This is a simple matter. I assure you, when it is properly explained. "It is hard to believe that a person can keep himself affoat and divest himself of shoes, stockings, coat and trousers. It can be done easily. A 5-year-old boy can do it within two weeks after he has been taught to swim. There should he a compulsory law requiring every child to learn to swim, Once taught that child will never forget it.

"Why, I met an old man of 69 years at Fire Island last season. He told me that he had not been in the wter for forty years, and that he had forgotten how to swim. I told him that it was all nonsense. I bet him a box of cigars that he could go out and swim. He took me up. The old chap swallowed a quart or two of salt water, but before he knew it he was triking out with all the exuberance of youth. Fors, it how to swim? Why, that is impossible."

IN THE PUBLIC BATHS. A few weeks ago the public baths were thrown open. From the moment the doors were unlocked a multitude of urchins swarmed into the pavilion, took two seconds in which to undress and piled from the platforms into the water. So successfully were the free swimming pools conducted last year that the number has been largely increased. Where ten years ago a boy who did not have the money to go to Coney Island dodged the polichnan at the wharf and tumbled into the water, to risk his life as well as arrest. There are facilities—though even now none too abundant—for free bathing to-day.

There are instructors at all of the public bathing-houses—men whom the cits employes to teach those to swim who cannot swim. Three days every week are being taught to support themselves upon the water. Hundreds of women were taught to swim last year, and ten times that number will be encouraged this year to learn one of the first lessons of selfwarmed into the pavilion, took two sec-

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SUES FOR \$50,000 DAMAGES. Aged Man Says He Was Wrongly

Imprisoned in Hospital.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. White Plains, N. Y., July 16.-Thomas L. Benham, a wealthy tobacco manufacturer, 70 years old, who has a country seat at Prattsville and Mount Vernon, has semblyman William C. Mains, former City Judge Frank A. Bennett and George C. Weiss, all of Mount Vernon, for 150,000 demages for his imprisonment in the Mount Vernon Hospital for three days following July 23, 182, when it was feared his mind was affected.

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New York, July 16.—Joseph K. Goodstehn is the Consul at Nagasaki, Japan, but who is style. Put these men into an eight-our ow the instructor in Eaglish at the mand keep them there, rowing, and doing nothing else but row. Put all notions about any particular stroke out of your his wife and family for a visit to their head and keep it out of theirs.

Beyond certain minor technical matters Benham, a wealthy tobacco manufactur-





that a perfectly healthy baby never cries. When the little one does cry there's something wrong, and generally it's the stomach. Paregoric, Soothing Syrups, Cordials, Teething Syrups and Pain Killers contain opium and morphine. Don't use them. They are harmful—costly, too. Such drugs constipate and derange the digestive organs.

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SEES LESSON IN EIGHT-OAR RACES

Julian Hawthorne Deplores Fact That College Crews Have Shown No Improvement in Forty Years.

BLAMES PARTICULAR STROKE.

Thinks Coaches Are Trying to Teach an Impossibility Instead of Following Example of the Famous Ward Brothers.

BY JULIAN HAWTHORNE.

taught to swim last year, and ten times that number will be encouraged this year to learn one of the first lessons of self-preservation.

There are several private schools in New York where the members of wealthy families are sent to be instructed in this art. In a majority of cases the art of swimming after a few lessons comes by intuition. A boy may be grawled out on a box and taught to move his arms and kick his legs in the exercise that should keep him affoat when he is in the water, but in nine cases out of ten when he gets into the water he will paddle around in the water by himself and experiment by himself, and the first thing he knows he is striking out like a good fellow. The next time he gets into the water his chums will hear a yell:

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The next lesson consists of the first experience with the water. The pupil is handled with a long pole or trolley, to which is attached a line which connects.

Hoats and oars and all appurtenances are better than they used to be. And finally, the crews are furnished with coaches, professional or amateur, or both who at the day and night from one season to another and never cease to instill principles into their heads. All these of a turn, and the two additional men in the boat, have produced no result so good as that attained forty years ago without these things. What is the trouble?

TEACHING PARTICLIAR STROKE

The instructor walks long the edge of the tank, holding at arm's length his charge, one fault with boys is that they forget the count.

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They seem to be together, their bodies They seem to be together, their bodies move alike, their oars enter and leave the water at the same time, yet all the while the main thing—that each should pull with his whole possible strength—is lest sight of, and the race, or at any rate, the record, is lost along with it. That, it seems to me, is what has happened, and forty years of coaches, professional, amateur and both, have never yet happened to guess the truth.

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you can teach them nothing, but they, and they alone, can teach everything to them selves. If after a reasonable time they have not "got together," in fact, if not in appearance, they never will, and other men must be tried. As soon as they have got together they will know it, and however they may then appear to the man on the towpath or in the launch, they are going as fast as they are capable of going, and they can be beaten only by eight better men. But the difference at the end of a race between them and any other college crew will be a matter of inches or of feet, and never of lengths, for it will have been caused by physical strength and stamina, and not by artificial and imaginative "strokes."

The difference in the weights of the Yale and of the Harvard crews in the later regatta vas. I believe, one pound only; and the distance apart of the boats at the finish should have been no more than one pound weight might represent. Instead of that it was seven lengths—a fact of itself sufficient to cast contempt upon our entire rowing system.

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Keen the men in the boat, let them row ten, tweive, twenty miles in a day; keep them in reasonable flesh; never train them down so fine that they will be capable of lesing pounds a day through nervousness, as happened this year at New London. Don't nag them; let them work out their own problems; remember that eight-oar rowing has a philosophy of its own, en-tirely different from that of any other sport.

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anot the proposition absurd on its face? And yet, for these years and years, professional coaching has held college rowing in its grip and has blocked every chance of its pessible development and improvement. Benjamin Franklin said that even fools can learn from experience. Is not a lifetime of experience enough to warn our colleges that something must be amiss?

DOG'S ELABORATE FUNERAL. Cedar Coffin and Flowers for

Miss Anderson's Pet.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Oswego, N. Y., July 16.-There was shipped from the home of Miss Cordella A. Anderson, the body of "Rodger," a handsome English setter dog, for whom elaborate funeral arrangements had been made. The body of the dog occupied a coffin of red cedar, lined with copper, and the leading undertaker of the town had charge of the affair. The coffin rested in the parior at Miss Anderson's home, surrounded with flowers.

"Rodger" was purchased in England several years ago by W. H. Cannon of Brooklyn for \$1.000, and for two years had been with Miss Anderson. The body was shipped by express to Mr. Canpon's summer home at Delhi.

During the dog's last illness Miss Anderson had him taken for a drive every day. handsome English setter dog, for whom

TELLS HOW TO LIVE LONG.

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"I never rode on an elevated train of trolley car, because I consider it bad for my stomach. My father lived to be 12 years old, and I am out to beat his record '

David Miley lives with his son-in-law at the above address and is a well-known character in that section of the Bronx When he wandered away from his home and did not return at night his disappearance was reported to the police. Search conducted by four generations of his de-

As to coaches, professional and ama teur, restrict their duties to the care of the boats, the physical conditioning of the men and the criticism of minor details only; and let their present absurd pressiting and authority be correspondingly curtailed. No more transparent humbigs exist, and if they humbig themselves as well as the crews and the public, so much the worse all round.

Who taught Mr. Courtney and Mr. Handan-both in their day unbeatable single scullers—how to row? They taught themselves, by glying their personal equation full swing. But their styles are radically different. How, then, can they pretend to teach the true method of eight-oar rowing, which is also, as I have said another thing altogether from single sculling? Is not the proposition absurd on its face? And yet, for these years and years, profrowns on all drugs except those he has prepared himself. He does not like to tell what plants and herbs he uses. After rising in the morning he works awhile in his son's garden and then goes to the bakery and selects his own stale brend, which is the only kind he uses. With a pot of weak it is a or soop this constitutes his meal. After her smokins his pipe for some time he takes a walk for a mile or more, though he has been known to walk from his street, as far as Twenty-sixth street.

"I am not fond of lager beer," said the old man, "because that has too many elemicals in at. When I do drink it I gut taken. I have never had a doctor and I have never had a proposition of the house was plated by him and the shingle roof was put on by him and he has driven no small share of the mais that hold the building together.

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Harry Snyder, Fourteen Years Old, Begins His Career as a Developer of Real Estate.

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